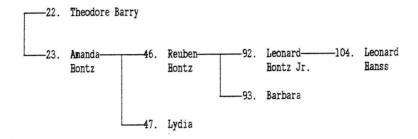


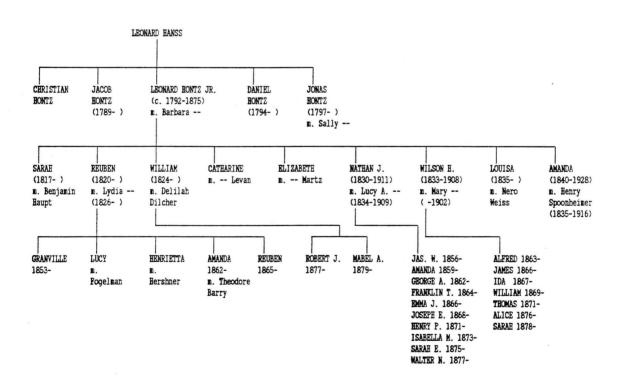
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Some progress has been made tracing the ancestry of Amanda Hontz [23]. Evidently, she was the daughter of Reuben and Lydia (Benjamin?) Hontz [46, 47] and the granddaughter of Leonard Hontz Jr. [92] and his wife Barbara.

We first learn of Leonard Hontz from his military service records. From 18 Sept. 1814 to 21 Dec. 1814 he served as a private in Capt. Abraham Schaffer's Co. in the Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia commanded by Col. Christian J. Hütter during the War of 1812. On 6 Jan. 1851 he applied for bounty land for this service, under the provisions of an Act of Congress dated 20 Sept. 1850, and received a warrant for 40 acres of land (22460-40-50). Like most recipients, he disposed of the warrant.

In his application, he stated that he was a resident of East Penn. Twp., then in Northampton Co., that he was stationed at Marcus Hook for the whole term, except for a week in Philadelphia, and that his age was 59 - i.e. he was born in 1791 or 1792.

Subsequently, under the Act of Congress passed 3 Mar. 1855 he applied for additional bounty land. Evidently, news was travelling quite rapidly: his application was dated 8 May 1855. He gave his age as 63 -- most likely born in 1792 -- and said he was drafted at Allentown. He received a warrant for an additional 120 acres (62102-120-55).

He next took advantage of an Act of Congress dated 14 Feb. 1871, applying for a military pension on 8 Apr. 1871. He gave his age as 79, stating that he lived on the Mahoning Road about two miles from Lehighton in Mahoning Twp. Carbon Co. Pa. He repeated the details of his service in the militia, stating that he was drafted in East Penn and joined his company at Allentown, and was awarded eight dollars monthly.

He appears for the first time in the U.S. census in 1820, located in East Penn Twp., Northampton Co. along with four other Hontz

families (those of Christian, Daniel, Jacob, and Jonas). He is identified as Leonard Hontz "Jr." so there must have been a Sr.:

1820 Census Northampton Co. PA

	Daniel Hontz	Christian Hontz		Leonard Hontz Jr.	Jonas Hontz
Males					
under 10	-	-	2	1	-
10 - 15	-	1	-	-	-
16 - 18	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 25	-	-	1	1	1
26 - 44	1	1	-	-	-
45 & over	-	-	-	-	•
Females					
under 10	-	1	-	1	1
10 - 15	-	1	-	-	-
16 - 25	-	-	1	1	1
26 - 44	1	1	1	-	-
45 & over	-	-	-	-	-

The fact that there was a Leonard Sr. is confirmed by the 1800 census for Northampton Co.

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In 1790 there was a Jacob Hans in Lynn Twp. (1-3-4) and another Jacob in Macungie Twp. (1-1-2). There was a Joseph in Weissenberg Twp., but no Leonard was listed by the census takers. A reasonable guess is that at least four of the five Hontzes appearing in the 1820 census were brothers, the sons of the Leonard Hanss of the 1800 census. Judging from the family sizes, the marriage sequence and likely birth order was Christian, Jacob, Leonard Jr. and Daniel and/or Jonas. The guess is confirmed by the ages given by the last four in the 1850 census, in which Christian does not appear.

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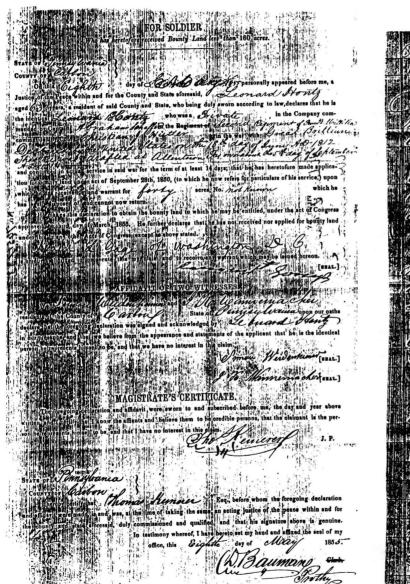
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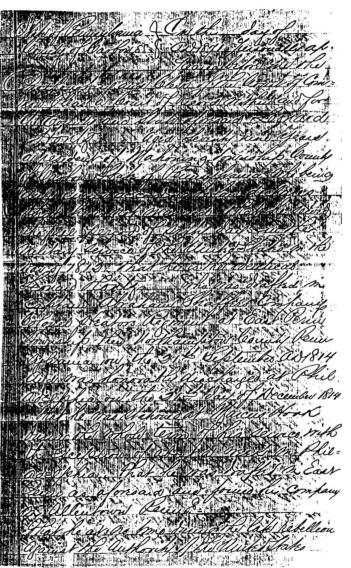
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In 1850, the census entries for four of the Hontz males and their families were:

1850 Census

Mahoning Twp. Carbon Co. PA		
Leonard Hontz	60 M	Lab.
Barbara	58 F	
William	26 M	Boatman
Nathan	20 M	Boatman
Wilson	18 M	do.
Louisa	16 F	
Amanda	10 F	
Daniel Hontz	56 M	Lab.
Reuben	20 M	do.
Jacob Hontz	61 M	Farmer
Lucy	23 F	
Matilda	17 F	
Jonas Hontz	53 M	Farmer
Sally	50 F	
Boas	22 M	
John	18 M	
Moses	16 M	
Ainen	14 M	
Stephen	12 M	
Anna	10 F	
William	2 M	

In addition, Reuben and Lydia Hontz appear for the first time amidst a Bartholomew household, and a Samuel Hontz also has a separate household. Reuben and Lydia may have wed in 1849 or 1850, and the configuration of census entries suggests that Lydia may have been a Bartholomew, sister to Robert and daughter of Elizabeth:

1850 Census Mahoning Twp. Carbon Co. PA		
Robert Bartholomew	33 M	Laborer 450
Eliza	30 F	
John	6 M	
Ellen	5 F	
Feanna	4 F	
Reuben Hontz	30 M	Boatman
Lydia	25 F	
Benjamin Bartholomew	2 M	
Elizabeth	60 F	
Samuel Hontz	24 M	Boatman
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were boatman.

In 1860, Leonard and his son Nathan appear as separate household heads, but Reuben and Lydia are nowhere to be found. Leonard headed a household composed of his daughter Louisa, her husband Nero Weiss, and children:

1860 Census Mahoning Twp. Carbon Co. PA		
Leonard Hontz	68 M	Mason
Nero Weiss	32 M	Blacksmith
Louisa	25 F	
Ellen	6 F	
Anna M.	5 F	
Charles	3 F	
Sarah A. twin	6 mos. F	
Julia twin	6 mos. F	
Nathan Hontz	28 M	Boatman
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By 1870 Leonard was living with his daughter Sarah and her husband Benjamin Haupt. Other sons and daughters were in Lehighton, and Lydia Hontz, widowed, was living with her children Granville, Amanda (who later married Theodore Barry), and Reuben. Reuben was five years old. Reuben Sr. must have died after 1865 but before 1870, but no death or burial records survive.

1870 Census

Mahoning Twp.

53 M	Laborer
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Wilson Hontz Mary Alfred James Ida William	38 M 22 F 7 M 4 M 3 F 1 M	Works or RR
Henry Spoonheimer Amanda Ellen L. William Mary Ernma Trainer	32 M 30 F 5 F 3 M 1 F 10 F	Blacksmith

In 1880, only sons Nathan, Wilson and William and daughter Amanda (m. Henry Spoonheimer) remained in Lehighton:

1880 Census
Lehighton
Carbon Co. PA

Nathan Hontz Lucy	50 44	Laborer
Geo. A.	18	Laborer
Franklin T.	17	Laborer
Emma J.	14	Datorer
Joseph E.	11	
Henry P.	9	
Isabella M.		
Sarah E.	7 5 3	
Walter M.	3	
Wilson H. Hontz	47	Laborer
Mary	37	
Alfred .	16	
James	14	
Ida	13	
William	12	
Thomas	9	
Alice	4 2	
Sarah	2	
William Hontz	31	Laborer
Lila	26	
Robert J.	3	
Mable A.	1	
Henry Spoonheimer	44	Blacksmith
Amanda	40	
Emma	20	
Ellen	15	
William	14	
Edward	9	
Lilly	5	
Charles	10 mos.	

Leonard d. 2 Dec. 1875 (gravestone in Lehighton Cemetery -- his grave is decorated with an American flag from the War of 1812). On 11 Feb. 1876 son Nathan was bonded as executor of his estate, exceeding \$2,500 net worth. Among the long list of

heirs, Amanda Barry received a part share as a grandchild.

Leonard and Barbara's family comprised:

92.1	Sarah	b. c.1817 (1870 census), m. Benjamin
92.2	Reuben	Haupt. [46] b. 1819/20 (1820, 1850 censuses), m.Lydia (Bartholomew?) c.1852.
92.3	William	b. c.1824, m. Delilah Dilcher.
92.4		b. c.1826, m Levan.
92.5	rine	b. c.1828, m Martz.
92.3	beth	D. C.1628, III IVIAILZ.
92.6	Nathan	b. 8 May 1830, d. 25 May 1911
	J.	(gravestone, Lehighton Cemetery), m.
		Lucy A (1834-1909).
92.7	Wilson	b. 5 Apr. 1833, d. 30 May 1908
	H.	(gravestone, Lehighton Cemetery), m.
		Mary (1843-1902).
92.8	Louisa	b. 10 Dec. 1835, d. 18 Sept. 1890
		(gravestone, Lehighton Cemetery), m.
		Nero B. Weiss.

Amanda 1840-1928 (Lehighton Cem.), m. Henry

Reuben and Lydia's family was:

W. Sponheimer.

46.1	Gran- ville	b. c.1853.		
46.2		m Fogelman.	*	
46.3	Henri- etta	m Hershner.		
46.4	Amanda	[23] b. c.1862, m. c.1881 d. c.1918.	Theodore	Barry,
46.5	Reuben	b. c.1865.		

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